

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 2206 – SB 2577

February 22, 2018

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires memorial signs and markers erected or installed on or after July 1, 2018, commemorating United States service members killed in action (KIA), to display the member's name, rank, the language KIA, name or period of armed conflict, and the Purple Heart emblem.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – \$900/Highway Fund

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Federal Regulations Title 23: Highways, Part 655.603, all states are required to adopt standards for highway signs and marking in substantial compliance with the Manual on Uniform traffic Control Devices (MUTCD).
- According to the Department of Transportation (TDOT), the proposed signage is prohibited under the MUTCD as the national standard for highway signs and markers.
- TDOT designs signage to meet the guidelines of the MUTCD, thus allowing the proposed memorial signing program to be fully implemented.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 54-1-133, TDOT shall fund from resources in the Highway Fund the cost of signage and marking of an interstate, United States Highway, or state highway designated as a memorial highway or memorial bridge for a member of the military, including the reserves or national guard subject to appropriation by the General Assembly.
- This legislation only applies to signs and markers erected or installed on or after July 1, 2018.
- The General Assembly enacted 16 bills in 2017 that required such signage. This number is assumed to remain constant each year into perpetuity.
- There will be an additional cost to adhere the Purple Heart emblem on any such sign or marker. The cost of a Purple Heart emblem decal is \$57.
- The recurring increase in state expenditures is estimated to be \$912 (16 signs x \$57 per emblem).

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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